

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Karin, *et al*  
Serial No.: 10/574,333                      Group No.: 1636  
Filed: 7/21/2008                      Examiner: Celine X. QIAN  
Entitled: Compositions and Methods for Gene Expression

**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2010 OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner Qian:

This is responsive to the above-referenced Office Action and is timely filed within the 3-month period for response ending after March 20, 2011. Accordingly, a request and fee for an extension of time are not enclosed. Enclosed as part of this response are

- Declaration under 35 U.S.C. §1.131 by Dr. Michael Karin, with Exhibit A, and
- Tab 1: Date stamp on the cover of the issue of Molecular Cell, volume 11  
Number 6.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 6.